

Colonel George T. Donovan was born in Erlanger, Kentucky and commissioned in the infantry from the United States Military Academy in 1986. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions. From 1987 to 1989 he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Anti-tank Platoon Leader in 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. From 1989 to 1991 he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Assistant S-3 in the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment where he led a platoon in combat during Operation Just Cause. Between 1992 and 1993 he served as a Battalion S1 then commanded Company B and HHC in 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry (Mechanized) at Camp Casey, Korea. From 1999 to 2003 he served as the Deputy G3/Chief of Plans of the 82d Airborne Division, Battalion S3 in the 2d Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Brigade Operations Officer of the 2d Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, and Deputy G3/War Planner, 18th Airborne Corps. He served as the Executive Officer of 3rd Brigade, 82d Airborne Division in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He commanded the 2d Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment from June 2006 to June 2008, deploying with the unit to Afghanistan to participate in Operation Enduring Freedom. Following battalion command, he served as the Senior Brigade Command and Control Observer-Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. His last assignment was as the Senior Advisor to the Chief of the General Staff of the Afghan National Army, General Bismillah Khan Mohammadi, the Afghan Army's ranking military officer.

COL Donovan's military schools and education consists of the Infantry Officers' Basic and Advanced Courses, the Russian Course at the Defense Language Institute, Command and General Staff College, the School for Advanced Military Studies, and the U.S. Army War College. He earned a M.A. in International Relations at St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia, an M.M.A.S in Operational Art from the School of Advanced Military Studies, and an M.S.S. from the US Army War College. He has been awarded the Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Parachutist Badges from the United Kingdom, Jordan, Germany, and The Ukraine.

He has a wonderful thirteen year old son, Sean who loves to wakeboard, play lacrosse, go camping, and play the guitar and piano.